

MINUTES

SLIDELL CITY COUNCIL

DECEMBER 13, 1988

6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Councilman Van Sandt. All Council Members were present.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to suspend the rules to introduce the following onto the Consent Calendar.

1. Resolution R88-63, a resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to design and properly mark left turning lanes from Bayou Liberty Road onto Palm Lake Road, and Bayou Liberty Road onto Canulette Road, Slidell, Louisiana.
2. Project acceptance for the Country Club sewer treatment plant demolition.
3. Project acceptance for Stanley Street drainage project, Phase B.
4. Substitute ordinance of Item No. 88-12-1309, an ordinance activating the Tax Incremental Development Corporation for the City of Slidell.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Councilman Washington moved to remove the Project acceptance for Stanley Street drainage project, Phase B, from the Consent Calendar.

Councilman Callahan moved to remove Resolution R88-61, a resolution to completely revise, amend, and update the index to the ordinances and appendices of the Code of Ordinances, City of Slidell, Louisiana.

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Washington, moved to adopt the Consent Calendar as amended.

A. Approval of the Minutes of the November 22, 1988 Meeting.

B. Proposed Ordinances:

1. Item No. 88-12-1309: An ordinance activating the Tax Incremental Development Corporation for the City of Slidell. (Washington/Van Sandt, by request)
2. Item No. 88-12-1310: An ordinance authorizing the closure of Lafayette Street within the city limits of the City of Slidell. (Van Sandt/Singletary, by request)
3. Item No. 88-12-1311: An ordinance amending Chapter 12 1/2 Peddlers, and Chapter 9 Criminal Code* to assure the privacy rights of the citizens of the City of Slidell. (Berault/Van Sandt, by request)

NOTE: A Public Hearing will be held on the above listed ordinances on Tuesday, January 10, 1989, at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

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C. Proposed Resolutions:

1. R88-63: A resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to design and properly mark left turning lanes from Bayou Liberty Road onto Palm Lake Road, and Bayou Liberty Road onto Canulette Road, Slidell, Louisiana.

D. Approval of Liquor Licenses:

1. Country Club Exxon
2. The Connection of Slidell, Inc.
3. Paul's of Orleans

E. Bids and Request to Purchase:

1. One New 1989 2-Door Auto
2. Gause Boulevard East Utility Extension

F. Project Acceptance:

1. Country Club Sewer Treatment Plant Demolition

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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REGULAR AGENDA

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman Washington reviewed the acceptance of the Stanley Street drainage project, Phase B with City Engineer, Stan Polivick. The Engineer is to check whether or not the replacement of a carport was omitted from the project.

Councilman Washington, seconded by Councilman Callahan, moved to accept the Stanley Street drainage project, Phase B, with the noted punch list items.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Councilman Callahan read Resolution R88-61, a resolution to completely revise, amend, and update the index to the ordinances and appendices of the Code of Ordinances, City of Slidell, Louisiana.

There was a discussion regarding the cost of said reindexing. It was agreed that reindexing was in order, and the Council Administrator was directed to obtain cost estimates. Councilman Barthelemy recommended that Resolution R88-61 be tabled and brought back before the Council with additional information.

Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Callahan, moved to table Resolution R88-61 until more data is available.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Councilman Van Sandt recognized and presented to the Slidell Junior Auxiliary a Certificate of Appreciation for their efforts and assistance with the Slidell Centennial Picnic.

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SUSPENSION OF RULES

Councilman Salvaggio, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to suspend the rules to introduce Resolution R88-62, a resolution expressing appreciation and thanks to the Junior Auxiliary for their efforts and assistance with the Centennial Picnic.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Councilman Salvaggio, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, moved to adopt Resolution R88-62.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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PUBLIC HEARING

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 88-11-1305, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2117, Raffles, Bingo, and Keno Licensing, to provide for additional days of operation.

There was a general discussion regarding increasing the number of days of operation for bingo establishments in the City of Slidell. Mr. Kevin Kiser of The Regency, spoke in favor of additional days of operation.

Mr. John Cassisa of the Crewe of Dionasys, Mr. C. J. Gaulk, Mr. Wayne Citno of the North Shore Beach Homeowners Association, Ms. Bonnie Peyraux of Rajun Cajun, and Mr. Mark Dyer all spoke in favor of increasing the number of bingo games a commercial establishment could conduct per month.

Mr. Mark Phron spoke against increasing the number of days of operation. He stated that his hall is also available for rental for such games.

There was a lengthy Council discussion.

Councilman Salvaggio introduced Amendment E which allowed organizations in the eighth and ninth wards of St. Tammany Parish to be eligible to conduct bingo games in the City of Slidell.

Councilman Salvaggio, seconded by Councilman-at-Large Martinez, moved to adopt Amendment E.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	1 Nays (Callahan)	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Councilman Washington, seconded by Councilman Berault, moved to adopt Amendment C.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	2 Nays (Callahan) (Barthelemy)	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to adopt Amendment A.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Councilman Washington, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, moved to adopt Item No. 88-11-1305 as amended.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	1 Nays (Callahan)	0 Absent	CARRIED
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At this point, Councilman Washington left the meeting at approximately 7:40 p.m.

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 88-11-1306, an amendment to Chapter 11 Health and Sanitation of the Code of Ordinances, to add provisions for collection of liens filed for grass cutting and property maintenance.

No one from the public appeared to speak. There was a discussion among the Council and the City Attorney, Elaine Guillot. She explained the proposed ordinance's advantages.

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman-at-Large Martinez, moved to adopt Amendment A.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	1 Nays	1 Absent	CARRIED
		(Singletary)	(Washington)	

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman-at-Large Martinez, moved to adopt Item No. 88-11-1306 as amended.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	1 Nays	1 Absent	CARRIED
		(Singletary)	(Washington)	

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 88-11-1307, an amendment rescinding and reenacting Ordinance No. 2181, Revenue, Operating, and Capital Budgets for the fiscal year 1988-89.

No one from the public appeared to speak. Council Administrator, Davis Dautreuil, reviewed the proposed budget amendments with the Council. There was a discussion. Mayor Caruso presented the Council with a list of additional equipment needs.

Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Berault, moved to adopt Amendment B.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent	CARRIED
			(Washington)	

Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio, moved to adopt Amendment A.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent	CARRIED
			(Washington)	

Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, moved to adopt Item No. 88-11-1307 as amended.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent	CARRIED
			(Washington)	

LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Council Administrator, Davis Dautreuil, informed the Council that there were 62 applications received for the position of Executive Secretary. He stated he has interviewed 12 applicants. He expects to have a recommendation for the Council by their next meeting.

Councilwoman Williams announced there were two thousand, five hundred (\$2,500) dollars left over from the Slidell Centennial Picnic. Five Hundred (\$500) dollars will be given to the Slidell Police Reserve, with the remaining two thousand (\$2,000) going to renovation of the Arts Building.

Councilman Barthelemy reviewed the bids and funding for the improvements to West Hall Avenue. He stated the bid price was over budget, but felt the project was necessary and stated he would explore additional avenues of funding.

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The Council Members then reviewed the status of various projects with the City Engineer, and members of Administration.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

There was a discussion regarding the Slidell Airport. Councilman-at-Large Martinez, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio, moved to suspend the rules to introduce Resolution R88-64, a resolution identifying conditions necessary for assumption of operating expenses associated with the Slidell Airport by the City of Slidell.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Washington)	CARRIED
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Councilman-at-Large Martinez, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio, moved to adopt Resolution R88-64.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Washington)	CARRIED
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There was a discussion of the Slidell Water System. It was stated by the City Engineer that fewer black water complaints were received, and that no new black water particles were forming.

The sanitation and recycling discussion was tabled, as a review meeting with American Waste on Tuesday, December 13, 1988, was postponed at the request of American Waste.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, moved to enter into executive session to discuss litigation.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent (Washington)	CARRIED
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The Council entered executive session at 9:25 p.m. and returned at 9:45 p.m.

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio moved to authorize the Ethics Board to hire an attorney at a rate not to exceed eighty (\$80) dollars per hour to serve as counsel in the Cindy Pustanio matter, and further that the President of the Council shall have the authority to approve any contract for legal services; expenditures to be paid from the city's legal defense budget.

Since there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Richard B. Van Sandt
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Councilman, District C
President of the Council

Davis Dautreuil
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Council Administrator/Clerk of the Council